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For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONFIGURING PROCESSING ENTITIES ACCORDING TO THEIR ROLES IN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH A DISTRIBUTED ARCHITECTURE

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X	16	Pages of Specification including an Abstract
X	4	Pages of Claims
<u>X</u>	5	Sheet(s) of Drawings
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<u>x</u>		Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

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